lands—is it to eject these people totally or to lease to deserving persons small plots for purposes of habitation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Encroachments on Village grazing grounds are *prima facie* objectionable and are as a rule ordered to be removed.

The question of leasing any of these plots to deserving persons for habitation will be considered on the merits of each case.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are not these lands entirely set apart for cattle grazing?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes. They are set apart for grazing cattle.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there sufficient lands at present in each village?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I cannot say whether each village has got a grazing ground.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are they sufficient for grazing cattle?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—A general observation cannot be made. There are localities where they may be sufficient. There are localities where they are in excess of what is required.

Number of Patta holders in the State.

408. **Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.**— Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Patta holders in the State?

Mr K. Achyuta Menon.—87,767.

Loan Department—working of.

409. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) how many cases were pending with the department when orders were passed to transfer Mr. P. Narayana Menon;

(b) how many cases had he finished and submitted for the orders of the Chief Loan Officer; (c) have loans been granted in all the cases recommended by him; (d) if not, how many are pending undisposed of; (e) why are they not disposed of as yet;

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(2) (a) was the total amount of loan originally ordered to be granted reduced; (b) if so, to what extent and why;

(3) (a) what amount has the Government spent for the maintenance of the department; (b) how much money has the department disbursed by way of loans? (Figures up to the end of Kanni 1111 may be kindly given in each case).

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) (a) 3,663 (up to Chingam 14).

(b) 141.

(c) No.

(d) 34.

(e) The Special Loan establishment was disbanded with effect from 15th Thulam 1111. The Special Loan Officer did not get sufficient time to check and disburse loans in all the cases recommended by the Loan Law Officers. Besides, the Special Loan Officer was given an allotment of only Rs. 2,00,000 for 1111 of which he disbursed Rs. 1,96,340 within the period of 15th Thulam, 1111.

(2) (a) Yes.

(b) The allotment for special loan in 1110 was Rs. 5,00,000 (of which Rs. 32,835 was disbursed in 1110). The sanctioned allotment for 1111 was Rs. 2,00,000. The reduction was due to the proposal to start the Land Mortgage Bank in the State.

(3) (a) Up to the end of Kanni 1111 Rs. 33,244-8-11.

(b) Up to the end of Kanni 1111 Rs. 1,09,932-8-0.

Revenue collected from the Ernakulam Town.

410. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to give a statement showing the amount collected by them from the Ernakulam Town, through the following departments, during the years 1109 and 1110 M.E.—

(a) Land Revenue;

(b) Excise (Salt, Abkari, Tobacco, Matches, etc.);

(c) Public Works (Canals, Ferries, Water, etc.);

(d) Income-tax?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— Statistics are not available. Municipal towns are constituted of parts of Revenue villages and separate accounts for each town have not been maintained.

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